

ANGLO-FRENCH COMPACT

The British Traders Gain Substantial Concessions.

GIGANTIC MONOPOLY DOOMED

The Charter of the Royal Niger Company, Which Exercises Sovereign and Despotic Powers of the Niger River, Will Be Cancelled and That Region Thrown Open to the World.

(Special Calligraph-Copyrighted.) London, June 18.—England gave a great sigh of relief when the terms of the Anglo-French convention setting the Niger dispute were published. Nobody expected that there would be much in it for Englandmen to crow over and nobody in consequence is disappointed, but the great and glorious thing remains that England retains Bousa. The world has been repeatedly assured that Lord Salisbury was steadfastly resolved to fight France rather than give up Bousa but most Englishmen had made up their minds that Bousa would be offered as a sacrifice on the altar of French susceptibilities. Hence the relief which has been comically loud.

As far as territorial gains are concerned France wins hands down, but Lord Salisbury gained for British traders substantial concessions. Herein he has shown unexpected astuteness. The root of the trouble has long been the Royal Niger Company, one of those vast trading corporations which inevitably get the imperial government into trouble. This company exercised sovereign and despotic powers over the River Niger, from the mouth to beyond Bousa, and kept that mighty river closed not only to French but also to British traders other than its own agents.

It is this gigantic monopoly which the French colonial party ten years ago undertook to break up, and their resolve was always held the sympathy and support of the independent British traders, who mostly have their headquarters in Liverpool. The Anglo-French convention sounds the death knell of the Royal Niger Company and its monopoly, for its royal charter will soon be canceled and the Niger River and the regions therabouts will be thrown open to the free trade of the world.

Consequently Lord Salisbury made a double success: pleasant to the public eye by retaining Bousa and earning the blessings of trading interests by obtaining important commercial concessions from France, and the more important the extinction of the Niger Company's monopoly.

This convention is really the best thing that Lord Salisbury has done since he has been in charge of the British foreign policy. It almost justifies the belief that in his, after all, something in his political anatomy resembling a human one, the discovery is gratifying to the average Englishman.

LONDON MUCH DISTURBED.

The Restaurant Hat Question Absorbs Public Attention.

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TO HASTEN MAILS.

The Building of a Short Line Railroad Contemplated.

(Special Calligraph-Copyrighted.) London, June 18.—For a fortnight past a committee of the House of Commons has been considering a scheme by which it proposes to authorize the construction by a new corporation called the Fishguard and Rosslar Railway Company of a little bit of railway line in a remote part of Wales. The entire capital involved amounts to only a million dollars, but that something important is at issue can be judged by the fact that twenty leading lawyers are engaged, and the legal and other expenses will total quite \$400,000 a day.

The fact is that when this little line is constructed the carriage of American mails will be accelerated three or four hours, while the sea passage between Ireland and England will be appreciably shortened.

Instead of going north to Dublin, the mails and passengers, under the new arrangement, which the bill is to empower, will be taken by line, hugging the southeast coast of Ireland, to Rosslar, on the extreme northeast coast and the nearest point from which a straight line can be stretched across the sea to Fishguard, on the southwest coast of Wales to Ireland.

The distance across is fifty-four nautical miles, and, with twenty-one-knot steamers, the passage will occupy only two and one-half hours, while Fishguard is nearer London than Holyhead is.

The history of the bill now before the House is somewhat curious. Several days ago parliamentary powers were given to a local company to construct the short railway which is the crux of the whole scheme, but when it came to business that company found it had not sufficient money and nothing was done.

Beginning last Autumn a big London stock broker, who has intimate relations with the Great Western Railway Company,

NEW ERA IN DIPLOMACY

Arrival of Count de Cassini, the Russian Ambassador.

HE COMES WITH A MISSION

To Cement the Old Friendship Between Russia and the United States and End the Hispano-American War—The Count's Remarkable Record as a Diplomat—Importance of His Coming.

THIRD CALL FOR TROOPS.

It Will Not Be Made for Several Weeks Yet.

The possible necessity of another call for troops has been discussed by the Administration. It was stated by one of the gentlemen at the White House yesterday that the matter was one of the subjects alluded to during the conference. It is stated that there is no probability of a third call for some weeks to come. When the campaign in the northern part of Cuba is begun the call will be made, if at all, at that time. Army officers say, however, that any call of the first principles that any campaign in the tropics should have a reserve force equal to the original expedition. When the third call was first discussed in connection with the Cuban campaign it was suggested that 100,000 men would be required. It is not known that the recent deliberations have made any change in this estimate.

MORE DELAY THREATENED

The Government Still Unable to Get Transports.

MAY IMPRESS VESSELS

Refusal of Constitute Steamship Companies to Charter Their Ships Seriously Embarrasses the Campaign—British Ships Will Be Given American Registry—Delaying the Second Expedition.

In endeavoring to obtain transports for the Porto Rican expedition the War Department has encountered so many difficulties that it now begins to look as though the movement itself will be delayed. It was hoped by the Administration that with the final departure of Gen. Shafter's army for Santiago, the preliminary plans for the entire campaign were well under way. It now seems that they were mistaken. Still greater difficulties have arisen by reason of the scarcity of transports. The situation is a perplexing one, and the war experts may well dread the troubles that will have to be encountered before ships are obtained. The difficulties in the way are to be found in the refusal of the coastwise steamship owners to further favor the Government. This was anticipated by the Government last Wednesday when it appealed to them by telegraph. They were then earnestly requested to submit propositions looking to the chartering of their vessels in the emergency. They were furthermore furnished with a polite hint to the effect that British vessels should be granted the American registry, if American vessels could not be obtained. Notwithstanding the fact that the inevitable result of such action would be to place the British vessels in the competitive trade after the war is over, the American owners were not daunted. Replies were received from most of them stating that they could not accede to the Government's requests and heed was given to the times that the "transport situation" had undergone no change in forty-eight hours, and that British hulls are being delayed at the customs registry. British owners are naturally very anxious to get into the American coastwise trade by letting the Government charter their vessels in the present emergency and grant them the American registry. They have consequently been rather liberal in offering the War Department transports.

A pessimistic opinion is that unless the present obstacles are removed, one of two courses will have to be decided upon by the Government. The first will be to await the return of the transports which went to Santiago, which would cause more delay. The second course would be the impressment of American vessels. The extreme likelihood is that this will have to be done in the end.

In its present dilemma the War Department finds that the lack of transports is also causing delay in other departments. The contracts for furnishing refrigerated meats for the Army will have to be delayed, as the contractors cannot close these contracts until the ships which will convey them are procured. The lack of ships will also prevent the immediate sending of relief supplies to the starving Cubans in accordance with the plans of the Government for some time past.

Eulogies in the House.

Eulogies were delivered in the House yesterday on the late Senator Harris of Tennessee by Mr. McMillin and the other members of the Tennessee delegation and Messrs. McKean, Brand and Averett. King, Swanson and Clarke of New Hampshire. The House then adjourned until 12 o'clock tomorrow.

Sunday Schedule to Camp Alger

(Dunn Loring, Va.) Southern Railway.

Trains leave Washington from Pennsylvania station, Sixth and B Streets north-west, at 8:30, 9:30, 11:30 a. m.; 1:30, 3:30 and 5:30 p. m.

GOT ONE NIGHT'S REST

Marines at Camp McCalla Pass a Quiet Night.

HARASSING THE ENEMY

Spaniards Short of Food and Ammunition—Seven Cooks Captured with Important Information—Gen. Perez Visits Camp and Witnesses a Bombardment—Santiago Re-enforced.

TO CALL A CAUCUS.

Certain Democratic Members May Be Disciplined.

A movement is on foot to call a caucus of Democrats of the House next Monday or Tuesday. The party leaders want to put a stop to the practice of individual members interposing to prevent the consideration of measures deemed essential for the prosecution of the war. At this period, so near the end of the session, these measures can be brought before the House only by unanimous consent. Members of the minority party who are charged with no responsibility of leadership have been objecting indiscriminately to such bills, and the whole party has to suffer the odium.

A WAR COUNCIL CALLED

Plans for Destroying Camara's Fleet Discussed.

HE MUST BE FOUGHT AT SEA

The Delay in Getting Off the Shafter Expedition Being Felt More Than Ever—Santiago to Be Taken as Quickly as Possible—Then Porto Rico—Camara's Destination Believed to Be Our Coast.

The President called a council of war shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday. Those present were Secretaries Long and Agler, Assistant Secretary McKeljohn, Major Gen. Miles, Admiral Sigsbee and Capt. Mahan, the two last being members of the Strategy Board. The occasion for calling the war directors into conference resulted from the positive information that Camara's fleet has at last sailed, and likewise the determination of the President to hurry the Porto Rican and Cuban invasions through other hands than Gen. Miles's. It is believed that the Administration has definite intelligence concerning the destination of Camara's fleet. It is further believed that Camara is headed for this side of the Atlantic.

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An issue in the Philippines is near at hand. It is believed that the Administration to proclaim a provisional government in the islands before the insurgents have had time to organize. The Spanish garrison at Calamian, in the Philippines, has been reduced to a few men. The Spanish garrison at Calamian, in the Philippines, has been reduced to a few men. The Spanish garrison at Calamian, in the Philippines, has been reduced to a few men.

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BIG GUNS TESTED.

Satisfactory Target Practice at Fort Wadsworth.

New York, June 18.—The expert artillerymen at Fort Wadsworth, one of the big guardhouses of New York, have tried the four ten-inch modern rifles recently placed in position. The guns are of the disappearing type and worked beautifully and did what they were expected to do in the manner in which they were expected to do. A mistake was made with the range-finder, the first shot and the great projectiles went short. The third shot carried away the target, which was only six feet square, at a distance of 3,500 yards. Then the cannons were to the second gun and did as well. After the second shot to the left they shot but one that did not actually strike the target was an absolute flatter—that is, fell either in front or just over the target. Two of the shells were demolished and two shots struck precisely on the same spot. The only shot that went astray did not really go astray, because it went where it was aimed. It was aimed wrong. The receiver understood the observer to telephone to him to lay the gun at an angle of 33 degrees, while the observer really laid it at 32 degrees, so the shot fell wide, though the angle was all right. Twelve shots in all were fired. Of these two were distinctly wide, three hit the target and seven would have fallen on a vessel's deck if one had been there.

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